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SIGN OF TIMES — Michele Cisneros, Sean Gallagher and Chase Smith, left to right, like counterparts, cross town headed back to school last week and the sign is eloquent reminder to drivers. [Greg Derr photo]

### October 22 STM Planned

The upcoming special town meeting scheduled for Oct. 22 has been called as a result of a petition being circulated by police and fire departments to pay for their new contracts.

Town officials expect the warrant to include an article or articles regarding the expansion of sewer facilities for the town, as a result of the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering's recent request that the Environmental Protection Division of the Attorney General's office initiate appropriate legal action against the town for violation of its discharge permit.

william Montouri, chairman of the water and sewer commissioners, said Monday's meeting with selectmen and the advisory board to discuss the situation was attended by approximately 15 citizens, none of whom gave the commissioners a clue as to what they desired in the form of expanded facilities, if they did, or at what site.

Articles calling for the final plans and specifications of the Metcalf and Eddy proposed facility and site (Music Circus) were voted down at annual town meeting.

Montouri said the sewer commissioners welcome any proposals or articles from citizens dealing with the same. "We have been led to believe that petitions are being or are about to be circulated," Montouri said, adding that he had no idea who the

petitioners might be, or the desired action.

He said he felt there was no way the town was going to escape taking some kind of action. "Delays are costly," he said, adding that he feels there is a movement in Massachusetts to have communities be sewered as a result of the clean water act. "Waste is a problem nation-wide, sanitary landfills are a problem nation-wide."

According to Montouri, even at this stage, the town's share of sewer expansion facilities will be at minimum in the vicinity of \$3M. "At 10 percent a year, interest comes to \$300,000."

The commissioners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Lily Pond facility.

## Rev. Scott Pumps New Life Into The Nazarene Church

By Tanna Kasperowicz

The Cohasset Community Church of The Nazarene was formed July 9 with 25 persons in attendance from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Braintree and Weymouth.

Eventually the Nazarenes would like to buy the almost 80-year old Pope Memorial Church on North Jerusalem Road, which they presently rent from the Cohasset Methodists, who are now in Hull.

In early spring, the Cohasset Methodists merged with the Hull church, and they now hold their services in a quaint old church in Hull Village.

Which brings us back to the Nazarenes.

Presently the membership is pretty sketchy. Approximately 30-50 people come to services on any given week, but the Rev. J. Scott Newell, Jr. of North Weymouth feels the church is off to a good start and can only succeed.

He should know. Over a lifetime Rev. Newell has helped to bring life back to six churches. The Cohasset Church is his seventh, but it is the first one he started.

There's only one small hitch to his pastorship. After the church becomes successful he might leave. At least that's been his script in past years.

"Like any other teacher, I teach them to take care of themselves, to go on without me," said Rev. Newell, a

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**REV. SCOTT NEWELL** 

#### Ocean Bay Faces Four Charges

Late last week Building Inspector James Litchfield cited Ocean Bay Nurseries on Rte. 3A with four violations of the zoning bylaw and registered his complaint in Quincy District Court.

Litchfield said Ocean Bay was in violation of the bylaw by its continuous use of a trailer as an office, off-street parking on a state highway, no sign permit and the display of goods too close to the street line.

The court action followed the planning board's reluctant approval last week of the site plan for the nursery, with six conditions of approval stipulated.

Prior to the above two actions Ocean Bay had notified the town that it would appeal a recent decision by the board of appeals to limit the business to one operation, and not permit the proposed two-story building to house any "offices" for unrelated use.

Kenneth Schult is a coowner of both the Cohasset nursery and the Arcadia Gardens nursery in Hull. He is also a member of the Hull Planning Board. The Mariner had tentatively scheduled an interview with Schult last week, but he was unable to keep the interview.

Schult did tell the Mariner that current plans had been scrapped and new plans would be presented to the planning board.

Plans before the planning board last week, as drawn by architects Hidell-Eyster & Associates Inc. of Weymouth, showed a two-story building on a 72,000 square foot lot. The facade of the building proposed was red brick, rough sawed siding and asphalt shingling.

According to Litchfield, he (continued on page 3)

#### Scores Over Average

Student test scores have been maintained at a consistent level over the years, said Steven Hart, director of school testing.

"But each time the test is 'normed,' it's more difficult to do well," he said, adding that he feels the newly normed SRA's given to students in Grades 1-8 last year more clearly point out weaknesses in the system than do the lowa tests given in Grades 9-11.

"Next year new norms will be established for the lowa tests." Hart said.

School Superintendent John Maloney explained that when a test is normed it is more difficult to achieve a high testing score because a reduced range is used in the competition.

The School Committee voted to implement Hart's recommendations to strengthen listening and auditory skills in kindergarden and Grade 1 and emphasize the spelling program and review the science curriculum in light of test results.

In addition, a grade level review will be held as follows: Grade 3 capitalization, Grade 4 rate and percent, Grades 7-8 capitalization, Grades 9-11 maps and globes, Grade 10 percentage.

In a related matter, the Committee expressed its wish to further investigate advanced placement programs.